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DEQ Secretary announces personnel moves

BATON ROUGE – Today, Peggy Hatch, Secretary for the Department of Environmental Quality, announced two personnel moves that will be effective on Jan. 24.

Cheryl Nolan, who currently oversees the Office of Environmental Services, will move to Assistant Secretary over the Office of Environmental Compliance. This move was made necessary when current Assistant Secretary Beau James Brock resigned to take a position in the private sector as an attorney.

Sam Phillips will be the Assistant Secretary over the Office of Environmental Services. Phillips has a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from Ohio State University. He joined DEQ in 2007 and has an extensive background in the pulp and paper industry.

“While we are saddened that Beau will no longer be part of the DEQ team, I think Cheryl and Sam have the knowledge and experience to serve the state well,” Hatch said. “Cheryl has previous compliance experience, coupled with her knowledge of permits. Sam has experience in the private sector that will serve him well in his new role. Both of them have excellent staffs and this will be a very smooth transition for the department.”

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